Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



Summer 2000

Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide interested people with current information about specific projects and future events taking place on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. If you have any concerns or compliments about the proposed actions, please send written comments during the public comment period for the specific environmental assessment. The earlier you involve yourself the more capable we are to adjust or change planned actions. Your comments and concerns are welcomed and may influence the final decision on these projects.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

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Key Contacts

For more information about projects in the field offices, contact the respective area environmental assessment coordinators at (541) 440-4931:

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Project Updates

Recreation

Roseburg District campgrounds open for 2000 season are:

Susan Creek May 1
Millpond May 8
Rock Creek May 15

Cavitt Creek Closed for renovation
Scaredman Open year-round
Tyee Open year-round



Pavilions are available for reservations at Millpond, Rock Creek, and Tyee Campgrounds, by calling (541) 440-4930.

Several recreation site projects have been completed during the off season. The Island Creek Day-use Area was outfitted with a new restroom, picnic tables and fire-grills. The site has been inventoried for hazard trees and paving activities will occur at the site this summer.

Other projects include brushing the China Ditch trail by a local Boy Scout Troop, graveling parking lots and recreation trails, and making slide repairs on the North Umpqua Trail. There will be new BBQ grills for Rock Creek & Tyee pavilions, repair or installation of new of waterlines, campground re-vegetation projects, hazard tree assessment and mitigation. Eagle Scout projects include horseshoe pits, benches, steps and trails, pavement repair, restroom infrastructure repair, sign replacement, and a clean-up project along the Day's Creek cutoff road.

The contract for renovation of Cavitt Creek Falls Campground that was halted for the winter season is underway with an opening date anticipated for late this summer.

Recreation items in planning stages, or soon to be completed include: interpretive panels to be placed on the Cow Creek Back Country Byway kiosk; installation of a new vault restroom at the Susan Creek Falls parking lot; Eagleview Recreation Site development; Swiftwater trailhead kiosk replacement; installation of a phone line at Millpond; printing the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway brochure; and beginning design of the North Umpqua Trail brochure. The Thundering Waters Waterfall Guide is also being reprinted as the most popular BLM/USFS brochure locally, having recently won the Roseburg Outdoor Recreation Award.

Events this year include: public hikes to Susan Creek Falls and Wolf Creek Falls; and participation in booths at Earth Day, Discovery Days, Public Lands Appreciation Day, National Migratory Birds Day, and Free Fishing Day. A partnership with the Forest Service and Roseburg Visitors and Convention Bureau helps in keeping the Colliding Rivers Information Center open with BLM employees on staff Tuesday afternoons.

If you are camping at Susan Creek Campground this year, plan on attending one of the evening campground programs. Programs take place on Saturday evenings between 6:00-8:00 p.m. during July, August, and September. Topics will include bugs, slugs, birds, fire and other forest and backyard critters.

For more information about weekend topics, contact our office at 440-4930 or contact Laura Allen at 440-4931, ext. 353.

Watershed Analysis Status

South River Field Office

Watershed analysis for the Lower South Umpqua watershed is still in progress. Completion is anticipated on or about May 26, 2000.

Plan Conformance Record

This procedure is used for documenting plan conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for proposed actions that do not require an Environmental Assessment or EIS. The Plan Conformance Record is used when the existing NEPA document, such as a Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement, satisfies all of the criteria for ensuring NEPA compliance for the proposed action.

Swiftwater Field Office

Johnny Ridge T22S, R6W, Sec. 27 Lone Rock Timber Company Brush Creek Stream Crossing Plat T22S, R7W, Sec. 13

South River Field Office

The South River Field Office will be preparing a Plan Conformance Record for a cooperative fencing agreement in the first quarter of 2000. This agreement will cover the construction of a fence on a portion of the property line between a private land owner and the North Myrtle Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area (ACEC/RNA), located in T28S, R4W, Sec. 33. The fence will help to protect unique plant communities from potential grazing by livestock.

Categorical Exclusions

A Categorical Exclusion is the title given to projects that are documented under the National Environmental Protection Act that are considered to be routine or would have little effect on the natural or human environment. For example, routine repair of recreation facilities or brushing vegetation out and away from the roadsides are considered a categorical exclusion. The different types of Categorical Exclusions are published in the Bureau of Land Management Departmental Manual (516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4.). For questions relating to Categorical Exclusions, please contact the Environmental Coordinators for specific projects. The following are our Categorical Exclusions for this quarter.

Swiftwater Field Office

- Bridge Removal (North Bank)
- Stream Crossing By Pass Trail
- Little Wolf Creek. Culvert Replacement
- Gassy Creek Culvert Replacement
- Little Tom Late Precommercial Thinning
- Sutherlin Creek Culvert Replacement
- Yellow Creek. Road Culvert Replacement
- Professional Creek. Culvert Repair & Maintenance
- Tyee Campground Bank Stabilization
- Fruitgrowers Supply Temporary Log Haul Permit

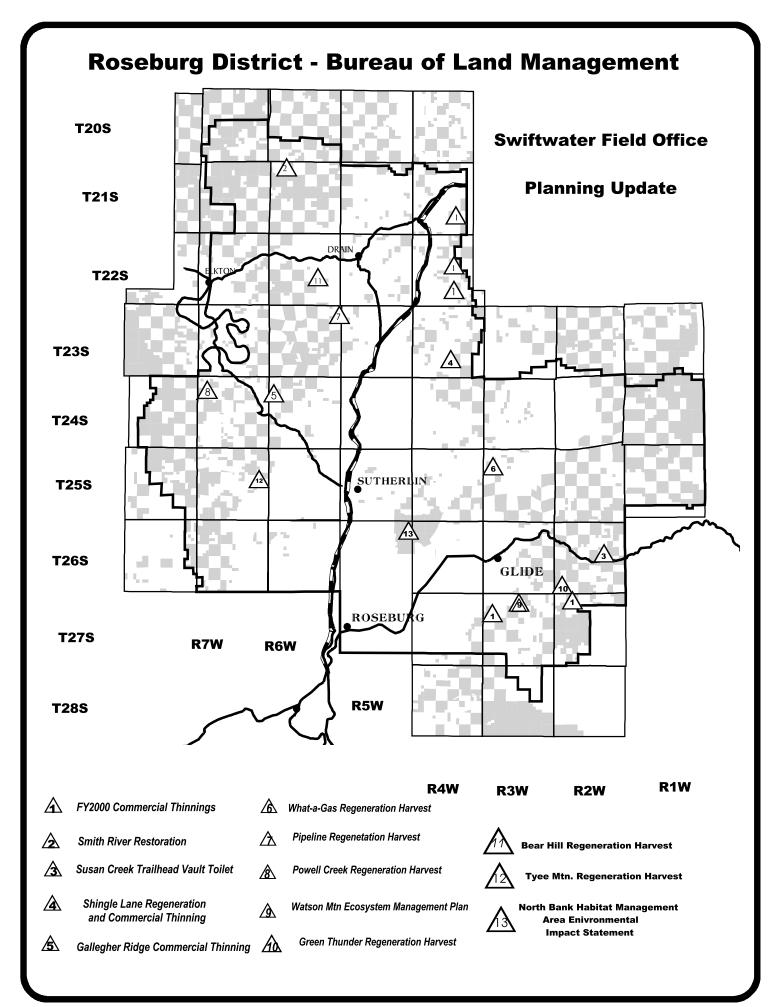
South River Field Office

• Issuance of a Temporary Haul Permit

New Area Projects

Roseburg District

Analysis for a programmatic Environmental Assessment has been initiated for the District 3P Fall, Buck and Scale program. This sampling method is used in conjunction with timber cruises to help assure cruise accuracy and cruiser proficiency, and for preparation of local volume tables for managed second-growth stands.



Swiftwater Field Office

Description: Millpond Group Campsite

Issue Identification: Initiation expected June 2000

Analysis: March 2001 Public Review: April 2001 Decision Date: May 2001

Description: Susan Creek Instream Structures

Location: T26S, R2W, Sec. 14 **Issue Identification:** August 2000

Analysis: December 2000 Public Review: January 2001 Decision Date: February 2001

South River Field Office

Initiation of an analysis for commercial thinning of General Forest Management Areas (GFMA) stands in the Resource Area occurred March 1, 2000. This would be a multi-year action designed to generate thinning sales for 2001, 2002 and 2003. Candidate stands for thinning have been identified in T28S, R8W, Sec. 19 in the East Fork and Middle Fork Coquille Watersheds, and in T29S, R2W, Sec. 19; T29S, R3W, Secs. 13, 24; T30S, R2W, Sec. 9; T30S, R3W, Secs. 3, 4 in the South Umpqua River Watershed.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

Swiftwater Field Office

Wolf/Miner Creek Instream Structures and Culvert Replacement Issue Identification:

Initiation Feb. 2000

FY2000 Thinnings (Off Little River, Upper Eastside, Bearbuck Description:

• Commercial thinning on an estimated 60 acres

• Project is in Connectivity and Little River Adaptive Management Area (AMA)

 Background analysis found in Elk Creek 5th Field Watershed Analysis (WA), Upper Coast Fork Willamette 5th FieldWatershed Analysis, and the Little River 5th FieldWatershed Analysis

Location: T27S, R3W, Secs. 1, 7; T22S, R4W, Secs. 9, 27; T21S, R4W, Secs. 23, 27, 35

Issue Identification: Initiation expected in Jan. 2000

Analysis: In Progress

Public Review: Expected by July 2000

Smith River Restoration

Description:

• Restoration of the Upper & Middle Smith River subwatersheds

• Reduce road impacts that are high risk to streams, water quality, and aquatics

• List and decommission roads with other management activities

Enhance habitat

Location: Upper & Middle Smith R. Subbasins **Issue Identification:** Initiated Sept. 29, 1999

Analysis: In Progress

Shingle Lane Regen & Commercial Thinning

Description:

• Regeneration harvest on an estimated 30 acres and commercial thinning on an estimated 225 acres

• Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area).

• Background Analysis: Elk Creek Watershed Analysis

Location: T23S, R4W, Sec. 27 **Issue Identification:** Completed

Analysis: Completed

Watson Mountain

Description:

- A sub-watershed level project that includes: Mariposa Lily habitat enhancement, commercial thinning, fertilization, Jim and Fall Creek roadwork, slide stabilization, control of noxious weeds and regeneration timber harvest.
- Background Analysis: Little River Watershed Analysis

Location: T25S, R1W, Secs. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35; Little River Adaptive Management

Area

Issue Identification: Ongoing

Analysis: In Progress

Public Review: May 15, 2000

Green Thunder

Description:

- Regeneration and Commercial Thinning harvest in the Little River Adaptive Management Area.
- Approximately 215 ac. of regeneration and 325 ac. of commercial thinning is proposed.
- Background Analysis: Little River Watershed Analysis

Location: T26S, R2W, Secs. 31, 33; T26S, R3W, Sec. 25; Little River Adaptive Management Area and Middle, North Umpqua 5th Field Watershed

Issue Identification: Completed

Analysis: Completed

Public Review: Completed

Bear Hill

Description:

- Regeneration harvest in Matrix.
- Approximately 50 acres are proposed.
- Background Analysis: Brush Creek-Hayhurst Valley-Yoncalla Watershed Analysis

Location: T22S, R6W, Sec. 23 **Issue Identification:** In Progress

Analysis: Completed

Tyee Mountain

Description:

• Regeneration harvest on an estimated 195 acres. Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block).

• Background Analysis: No Watershed Analysis(not required)

Location: T25S, R7W, Secs. 13, 14; Upper Umpqua fifth field watershed

Issue Identification: Project initiated on May 8, 1999.

Analysis: Project on Hold

Public Review: Project on Hold Decision Date: Project on Hold

North Bank Habitat Management Area

Description:

- This project was developed previously as an Environmental Analysis (EA). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Habitat Management Plan is being prepared for the management of this area for Columbian white-tailed deer as well as other sensitive plants and animals.
- Background Analysis: North Bank Watershed Analysis.

Location: T25S, R4W, Secs. 31, 33; T25S, R5W, Secs. 35, 36; T26S, R4W, Secs. 4, 8,

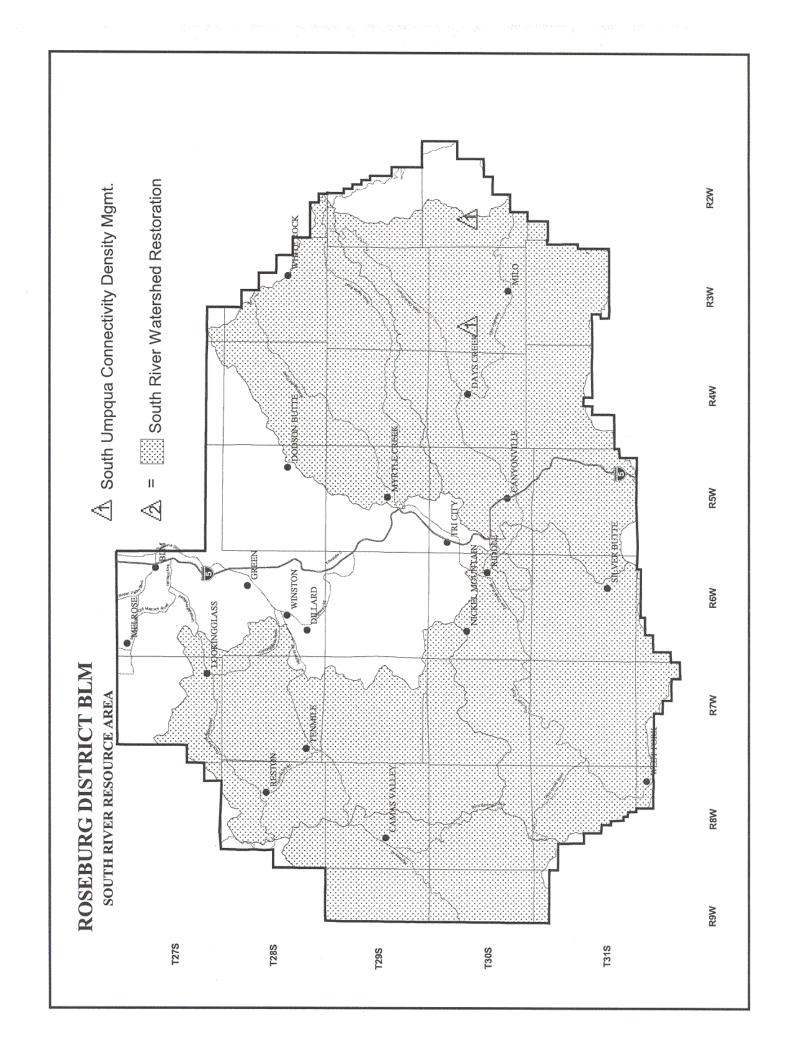
17,19; T26S, R5W, Secs. 1, 3, 10, 14, 23, 26

Issue Identification: Completed

Analysis: Completed

Public Review: DEIS December 30 - March 13; FEIS expected May - June

Decision Date: Expected by August 15, 2000



South River Field Office

South Umpqua Connectivity Density Management

Description:

• Matrix. Accelerate development of old-growth habitat and generate approximately 2,040 hundred cubic feet of merchantable timber volume

Location: Deadman / Dompier; T30S, R2W, Sec. 17 and S. Umpqua River; T30S,

R3W, Sec. 17

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Completion expected by June 1, 2000 **Public Review:** Anticipate by June 6, 2000

South River Watershed Restoration

Description:

• Road renovation and decommissioning; culvert replacement; stream bank stabilization; tree-lining and instream structure placement

Location: S. Umpqua River, Myrtle Creek, Lower Cow Creek, Olalla-Lookingglass and

Middle Fork Coquille Watersheds

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Completion expected by June 1, 2000 Public Review: Anticipate by June 6, 2000 Decision Date: Anticipate by July 11, 2000

Commercial Thinning

Description:

• Kola's Ridge; Middle Fork Coquille Watershed Analysis.

Location: T30S, R9W, Secs. 23, 27 **Issue Identification:** Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete **Public Review:** March 28, 2000 to April 28, 2000

Decision Date: Quarry decision expected by May 9, 2000

Dickerson Heights Timber Sale

Description:

 Matrix. Approximately 8,800 hundred cubic feet from approximately 180 acres proposed for harvest.

Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analysis.

Location: T29S, R7W, Secs. 9, 15 & 21

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in draft

Ragu Timber Sale

Description:

• Matrix. Approximately 6,208 hundred cubic feet from approximately 150 acres is proposed for harvest.

• Middle Fork Coquille and Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analysis.

Location: T29S, R8W, Secs. 9, 21, 29 & 33; T30S, R8W, Sec. 5

Issue Identification: Complete **Analysis:** Environmental Assessment

Public Review: Complete

Decision Date: July 27, 1999 to August 26, 1999

Loose Laces Timber Sale

Description:

• Matrix. Approximately 7,300 hundred cubic feet from approximately 200 acres is proposed for harvest.

• Cow Creek Watershed Analysis.

Location: T31S, R6W, Secs. 1, 3, 10, 11, 13, 15, 23

Issue Identification: Environmental Assessment 105-98-04 is being replaced by a new

analysis. The new Environmental Assessment is 105-99-14

Analysis: FONSI signed January 7, 1998 is withdrawn

Cow Catcher Timber Sale

Description:

• Matrix. Approximately 7,700 hundred cubic feet from approximately 190 acres is proposed for harvest

• Cow Creek Watershed Analysis.

Location: T31S, R6W, Secs. 5, 7, 9, 17

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in draft

Recreational Trails

Description:

• Matrix and Key Watershed. To provide trails and interpretive sign.

Deadman Dompier Watershed Analysis.

Location: T29S, R2W, Secs. 4, 8, 9, 17

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Pending removal of salvage.

Public Review: Unknown pending completion of salvage **Decision Date:** Unknown pending completion of salvage

North Myrtle Timber Sale(s)

Description:

- Matrix. Approximately 20,000 hundred cubic feet from approximately 480 acres is proposed for harvest.
- Myrtle Creek Watershed Analysis.

Location: Myrtle Creek Watershed T27S, R3W, Secs. 7, 17, 19; T27S, R4W, Sec. 35; T28S, R4W, Secs. 1, 15, 17, 21; T28S, R5W, Secs. 26, 35

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in draft

Can-Can Watershed Level Project Plan

Description:

- Matrix. Approximately 22,000 hundred cubic feet from approximately 489 acres is proposed for harvest. Potential restoration opportunities would also be identified and analyzed.
- Canyon Creek- Canyonville Watershed Analysis and Cow Creek Watershed Analysis.

Location: Shively- O'Shea, Lane-Judd, and Canyon Creek Subwatersheds T30S, R4W, Secs. 5; T30S, R5W, Secs. 9, 10, 11, 15; T31S, R5W, Secs. 23, 26; T30S, R6W, Secs. 13, 25

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in draft

Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan

Description:

- Matrix. Approximately 16,400 hundred cubic feet from approximately 412 acres is proposed for harvest. Potential restoration opportunities would also be identified and analyzed.
- Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analysis

Location: Lower Tenmile, Shields and Lookingglass Subwatersheds T28S, R7W, Secs 8, 9; T28S, R8W, Secs 21, 25, 35; T29S, R9W, Sec 3

Issue Identification: Complete

Middle South Umpqua /Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan Description:

- Matrix. Approximately 25,200 hundred cubic feet from approximately 530 acres is proposed for harvest and planned for 2001. Potential restoration opportunities would also be identified and analyzed.
- Middle South Umpqua and Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analyses

Location: Kent/Rice, Middle Olalla, Thompson, Willis-VanDine, Lower Cow Creek Subwatersheds; T29S, R6W, Secs 28, 29; T29S, R7W, Secs 13, 23, 33; T29½S, R7W, Sec 33; T30S, R6W, Secs 5, 7, 11

Issue Identification: Complete

Slimewater Creek Density Management Description:

- Late-Successional Reserve. Density Management of approximately 255 acres of early and mid-seral aged stands through thinning. The objective would be the accelerated development of stands with late-seral habitat characteristics for the northern spotted owl and other species.
- South Umpqua River/Galesville Late-Successional Reserve Assessment and the Stouts/Poole/Shively-O'Shea Watershed Analysis

Location: Shively-O'Shea Subwatershed; T30S, R4W, Sec 27; T31S, R4W, Sec. 9

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Completion expected June 1, 2000 **Public Review:** Anticipate by June 6, 2000

Canyon Mountain Communication Site Management Plan Description:

- Matrix. Development of a comprehensive management plan for compatibility of current users and controlled development of future structures and uses.
- Canyonville/Canyon Creek Watershed Analysis

Location: Canyon Creek Subwatershed; T31S, R5W, Sec. 3

Issue Identification: Complete Analysis: Anticipate mid-July, 2000 Public Review: Anticipate 7/22/00 Decision Date: Anticipate 8/30/00

Planning Documents

Watson Mountain Ecosystem Management Strategy

Swiftwater Resource Area specialists are finishing a 10-year ecosystem management strategy and Environmental Assessment for the Watson Mountain sub-watershed. Watson Mountain is a 21, 830 acre sub-watershed of the 131,800 acre Little River watershed. The ecosystem management strategy describes 10 years of management activities for BLM-managed lands. It describes several proposed new projects (includes Elementary Watson, 221 Baker Projects, & Road Restoration and Decommissioning Project) as well as projects already in the planning/implementation stages.

Transportation Management Objectives (TMO)

Ground Transportation Resource Net (GTRN) is the official GIS database containing the Transportation Management Objectives. GTRN is currently being updated. When the update is completed the initial TMO for each road segment will be set in this GIS database. After this initial phase, these TMOs will be continually maintained and updated as road objectives are defined and road management actions are taken.

Upcoming Events

Free Fishing and Camping Days

Free Fishing Days are June 10th and 11th. Although state licenses are not required on these days, other state regulations such as fish limits, tags for certain fish, and established fishing restrictions apply. Please see the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations for details.

There will be a free fishing day event at Cooper Creek Reservoir near Sutherlin on June 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities will include fishing in Cooper Creek, a fishing pool for children four years old and under, a casting contest, a "tagged" fish contest for everyone, free canoe rides for children, help and education stations. This event is sponsored by local organizations and agencies. Please contact Jeff Powers at (541) 440-4500 for more information.

There will also be free camping at all Roseburg BLM campgrounds June 10th and 11th. For more information please call the Roseburg District Office at 440-4930.

Cultural Diversity Festival

On August 26th at the Arts Center on Harvard Avenue in Roseburg, local organizations and agencies are sponsoring the Cultural Diversity Festival. There will be a variety of ethnic foods for sale, as well as dance demonstrations, and information.



Public Lands Day

On September 23rd Roseburg BLM will celebrate Public Lands Day. This event will celebrate our beautiful lands. There will be food, entertainment, as well as restoration and clean-up opportunities. Please contact Joe Ross at 440-4930 for more information.



Discovery Days

On June 16th and 17th Roseburg will celebrate summer in Douglas County via Discovery Days. This event will be located in downtown Roseburg. There will be booths with information about summer activities within Douglas County, as well as entertainment and food. For more information please contact Vickie at Northwest Outdoors at 440-3042.

Women in Natural Resources



Linking Girls to the Land is a national initiative that encourages partnerships between federal natural resource agencies and the Girl Scouts. Locally, the BLM has partnered with the Girl Scouts Western Rivers Council to organize a week long day camp at BLM's Millpond Rec Site during the week of June 26. Called "WINNERS" (Women In Natural Resources), this program will include activities about wildlife and fisheries for Cadet and Senior Scouts (girls entering grades 7-12). Under the direction of BLM resource specialists, the girls will conduct mist netting, bird identification, snorkeling and identifying fish, making plaster casts of animal tracks, hiking in for an overnight campout, and river rafting on the North Umpqua River. Fees will be \$75.00 (registered Girl Scout) or \$85.00 (nonregistered Girl Scout). For more information, call Joe Ross at BLM, or Kris Besson at the Girl Scout office (672-2401). Camp Director Donna Moss can be contacted for information at 440-8993.

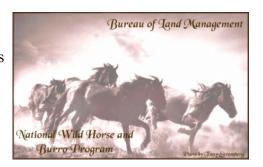
Making a Difference Award

The Bureau of Land Management recognized 11 employees and volunteers on May 11, 2000, in Washington D.C. for their time and effort toward the BLM volunteer program. The nine volunteers are from a variety of locations across the United States and the two employees recognized are both from Oregon. One employee, Doug Huntington, a Public Affairs Specialist from the Eugene District, has been instrumental in the recruitment of volunteers and in managing several large volunteer events as well as working with a special KidsArt program and Eagle Scout projects with the Boy Scouts of America. The second employee is one of our own, a Recreation Planner for the Roseburg District, Dave Erickson. Dave recruits many volunteers, organizes inmate work crews, works with Boy Scout and Job Corps projects, and concentrates special interest on designing trails and amenities that are accessible to physically challenged folks. Both of these employees have dedicated many hours to nurturing and inspiring youths and adults alike throughout our communities.

Past Events

Horse and Burro Adoption

The Roseburg District hosted a successful satellite downlink Horse and Burro adoption on May 23, 2000 at the Roseburg District Office. A phone was available for any pre-qualified adopters to call Superior livestock and place a bid. For information about the National Horse and Burro program, check out our website www.blm.gov/whb. For future adoption information, please call Melanie Roan at 541-440-4930



Free walk through Umpqua History

Windows on the Past presents
Changing Times Celebrating the Limps

Changing Times - Celebrating the Umpqua

The Umpqua National Forest in partnership with the Douglas County Museum of History and Natural History hosted a Windows on the Past show at the Douglas County Museum May 10-13, 2000. This was a unique cultural heritage event which included 12 traveling exhibits with local displays and living history demonstrations that provided hands-on learning opportunities for all ages.

Celebrate a Millennium of Bird Migration!

The Umpqua Valley's 5th Annual Migratory Bird Festival took place on Saturday, May 13th at Fir Grove Park at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center. The festival is part of an annual international celebration marking the return of migratory birds to their breeding grounds. The mission of the festival is to celebrate the efforts in bird conservation



and to focus on increasing public awareness of the factors that influence our local bird populations. This year, International Migratory Bird Day featured the success story of the recovery of the Peregrine Falcon. In honor of the Peregrine Falcon, our local festival had a live Peregrine Falcon display. The festival also offered many other activities that were enjoyed by all ages, including an art show, bird walks, live birds, interpretive displays, bird box and feeder construction, and other bird-related activities. This annual event is sponsored by federal and state agencies, private organizations, businesses, and local bird clubs. If you missed this years event, mark your calendar for next year and contact your local Audubon Society for future events

Abbreviations and Definitions

CE - Categorical Exclusion - A disclosure document for minor projects that have been determined to have no significant impacts on the environment.

CF - Cubic feet.

CCF - Hundred cubic feet.

EA - Environmental Assessment An environmental analysis document that evaluates alternative actions and their short and long term environmental effects, which include physical, biological, economic, social, and environmental impacts and their interactions.

IDT - Interdisciplinary Team - A group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, which develop alternatives and conduct environmental analysis was defined by the NEPA process.

LSR - Late-Successional Reserve - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystem.

Matrix Lands - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. It is the area in which most timber harvest and other silvicultural activities will be conducted.

MBF - Thousand board feet.

MMBF - Million board feet.

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act - A public law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary approach to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences. It is a process which provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

NWFP - Northwest Forest Plan - A common name for the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994). **It is also used to refer to the** *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* which accompanies the Record of Decision.

S&G - Standards and Guidelines - The primary instructions (rules and limits governing actions) for land managers. Standards address mandatory actions, while guidelines are recommended actions necessary to a land management decision. They also establish principles specifying the environmental conditions or levels to be achieved and maintained.

Scoping - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions.